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**SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION  
MINUTES OF THE MAY 20, 2013  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING 5:00 P.M.**

The School Board of Trustees met for their regular public meeting beginning at 5:00pm in the Board Room of the Switzerland County School Corporation's Administration Office located at 1040 West Main St., Vevay, Indiana.

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:**

Mrs. Peters called the regular meeting to order and led those in attendance in the pledge to the flag and a moment of silence.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Board members present for the public session were Mrs. Peters, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Truitt, Mr. Daugherty, Mr. Deck, Mrs. Hayes and Mr. Waltz. Others in attendance were Mr. Michael L. Jones, Wilma Swango, Mona Crabtree, Ronald Hocker, John Sieglitz, John Druba, Tony Spoores, Gregg Goewert, Melody Smith, Greg Curlin, William Carpenter, Jill Cord, Greg Coy, Kellie Lockwood, Rosalind Harrell, Mary Jane Rogers, Sally Weales, Tammy Beitzel, Angela Grubbs, James Wingate, William Carpenter, Eric Cole, Anna Lockwood, Jerry Clayton, Tyler Peelman, Anthony Henderson, Debbie Seaver, Erika Coy, Adam Cole, Fred Ross and Janet Hendricks.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**

Mr. Waltz made a motion to approve an amended agenda which included the addition of the recognition of retiring teachers and a Grounds Committee Report and the omission of a Professional Leave Request and two Personnel items. Mr. Deck seconded the motion. The Board's vote to approve the agenda as amended was unanimous.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2013 meeting in a motion made by Mr. Daugherty and seconded by Mr. Deck.

**FUND REPORT:**

Mr. Roberts moved to approve the March Financial Report as submitted. Mr. Truitt seconded the motion. The Board's vote to approve the report was unanimous.

**CLAIMS:**

The following Payroll and Vendor Claims were recommended for approval by the Board in a motion by Mr. Daugherty, seconded by Mrs. Hayes:

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- Payroll Claims for 4/26/13 and 5/10/13
- Transfer Claims: #44852
- Prewritten Claims: #44800- #44808, #44809-#44819, #44820(replace #41621), #44821-#44838 and #44839-#44851
- New Claims: #44853-#44878 and #44879-#44968

Mrs. Peters asked about claim #44879 in the amount of \$39,480 to Apple, Inc. Mrs. Swango said this was for staff I-pads at multiple schools. She explained that 13 were for Jefferson-Craig Elementary school, 19 for Switzerland County Elementary School and 6 for the Middle School. The Board voted unanimously to approve the claims as submitted.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

The Board recognized the retirements of elementary school teacher, Mary Jane Rogers, and High School English teacher, Rosalind Harrell with commemorative clocks. Mrs. Rogers had been an employee at Switzerland County Elementary School for 33 years and Rosalind had worked for the Corporation for 11 years.

Mr. Daugherty spoke on behalf of the Grounds Committee about current and future plans for the school grounds. He said at the last meeting, it was agreed that the Board would get quotes for practice fields. He said there were a lot of discrepancies in the quotes that had been received. He said he did not think an architect was necessary until a building was needed and felt this would be more expensive and slow the process. He did feel bids for the completion of two fields was needed and made a motion to advertise for bids with a completion date of October 1. Mr. Truitt seconded the motion. After much more discussion regarding the necessity of engineers and confusion regarding alternate bids, Mr. Daugherty and Mr. Truitt withdrew their motion and second. Mr. Daugherty then moved to recommend that the Corporation advertise for bids for the first three fields with a completion date by August 1. Mr. Waltz seconded the motion. The goal, Mr. Daugherty explained was to have all 5 fields completed with sites 4 and 5 as alternate bids and use dirt from the existing site with an October 1 deadline. The Board's vote to approve the amended motion was unanimous.

Mr. Daugherty also reported that the Grounds Committee felt the Corporation's mowing practices needed to be revisited. The committee decided that two seasonal mowers, at 25 hours per week should be hired for the Vevay Campus. Mr. Deck made a motion to post the positions as stated. Mrs. Hayes seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Middle School, Jefferson-Craig and Switzerland County Elementary School 2013-2014 Parent/Student Handbooks were presented to the Board for approval. The handbooks were presented for first reading at the April meeting. Mr. Deck moved to approve the handbooks as presented. Mr. Truitt seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: AYES: Roberts, Truitt, Daugherty, Waltz, Deck. NAYS: Hayes, Peters. Judge Coy spoke about a little known statute regarding drug testing that may help those with multiple positive drug tests to force parents to provide kids with the help they need.

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He thought perhaps this might be something the Corporation might want to decide to include in student handbooks in the future.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The following ECA fundraiser, grants and donations were unanimously approved by the Board in a motion by Mr. Truitt, seconded by Mr. Waltz:

- FFCLA – Sale of tee shirts to promote cancer awareness and aid the Kasey McAdams fund, 4-15 thru 4-30, 2013 (retroactive approval)
- \$4500 grant from Vevay-Switzerland Co. Foundation for Fine Arts Team's Academic Super Bowl State Finals Competition
- \$896.44 grant from Vevay-Switzerland Co. Foundation for SCMS Football start-up costs
- \$1075 grant from Vevay-Switzerland County Foundation for NBA All-Start Marching Band to participate in Indy 500 Festival Parade
- \$413 grant from Vevay-Switzerland County Foundation for Sexual Assault Awareness Program
- \$500 Donation from Gamma Chi chapter of the Tri-Kappa Sorority for Jefferson-Craig's sixth grade class trip to Camp Livingston

A motion was made by Mr. Deck to accept a bid of \$68,000 from Haflich Hardwood Floors for the replacement of the Middle School/Jefferson-Craig Elementary School Gym floor. Mrs. Hayes seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following votes: Ayes: Peters, Truitt, Deck, Hayes, Waltz. Nays: Roberts, Daugherty.

Mrs. Seaver and Erika Coy were present to give ECA reports for the BPA, National Honor Society, Student Council and the Fine Arts Academic Team.

An Endowment Request in the amount of \$6250 for the High School Gym Records Boards for Swim and Track was presented to the Board. Mr. Waltz made a motion to approve the request with Mr. Truitt seconding. After some discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

Fred Ross was in attendance and gave an Intercession Report. Mr. Ross explained that the Intercession was designed as an enrichment programs according to growth models. He said not as many students showed up as they had hoped. Mrs. Hayes gave a suggestion that the letters sent home to students be a little more direct.

There were several Board Member appointments by Board President, Nancy Peters to various committees.

1. Staff & Facilities – to include job description revisions-Mr. Goewert, Tammy Hayes, Vern Waltz, Bill Roberts
2. Vision/Mission Committee: Truitt,
3. Compensation & Evaluation: Truitt, Curlin, Hocker – meeting Thursday at 3:45pm

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4. Technology: Deck – meeting Tuesday, 8-12am with Adam Cole and Tammy Hayes at Tech Building

A presentation was made by Jim Wingate, Public Health Coordinator, who wishes to enter into an agreement with the Corporation to use its facilities as a POD in the event of a biological, medical or an act of nature event. The Board was presented with an MOU which will be considered at a subsequent meeting.

Mr. Jones made a recommendation to the Board to approve a Curriculum Director/ Grant Writer/School Change Leader position. Mrs. Hayes made a motion to approve the position. Mr. Deck seconded and the Board's vote was unanimous.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

#### **PERSONNEL:**

Mr. Deck moved to approve the employment of Bobby Darbro for the part-time, seasonal mowing and weed management position at Switzerland County Elementary School with a maximum of twenty-five hours per pay period, as posted on April 18, 2013. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. Mr. Truitt asked who Mr. Darbro would report to. Mr. Jones said Mrs. Weales would be his supervisor. It was also added that there may be times when more than the advertised 12 & ½ hours per week would be necessary. The Board's vote to approve the employment was unanimous.

A summer professional development activities stipend for James Hess for Project Lead the Way and Advanced Manufacturing Training was recommended to the Board in a motion by Mr. Walt and seconded by Mr. Daugherty. The motion passed with the following vote: AYES: Waltz, Daugherty, Roberts, Peters, Hayes, Deck. NAYS: Truitt.

The Board voted unanimously to approve the following ECA recommendations in a motion by Mrs. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Daugherty:

- Jennifer South for MS Girls Grade 7 Volleyball Coach
- Casie Jesop for HS Cheerleading Coach
- Asia Covington for MS/HS Volunteer Volleyball Coach
- Steve Ward, Tasha Rose and Lisa Arnoldy for SCE Music

#### **PROFESSIONAL LEAVE / FIELD TRIPS:**

The Board unanimously approved the following Professional Leaves in a motion by Mrs. Hayes and seconded by Mr. Truitt:

- M. Higgins to English Lang. & Comp. workshop at Shawnee State University, July 15-18, 2013
- Greg Curlin & Kyle Woolston to attend the State Ag. Teacher Curriculum Development Workshop at Purdue University, June 10-12, 2013

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- Greg Curlin to attend the Region IV NAAE Conf. & Presenter at Grand Rapids, MI, June 24-26, 2013

The following Field Trip Requests were unanimously approved by the Board in a motion made by Mr. Truitt and seconded by Mrs. Hayes:

- Beitzel – 6 HS Band students to perform in the All Star Marching Band at INDY 500 Parade, 5/24 & 5/25, 2013
- Beitzel/Hendricks/Baker- Academic Fine Arts Team Competition at Purdue Univ., 5/3 & 5/4, 2013
- Curlin- FFA Students to Purdue University for competitions, 6-16-6/20, 2013
- Chase- Girls Basketball team to camp at Vincennes Univ., 6/27-6/30, 2013
- Curlin-FFA to Indiana FFA Center in Trafalgar, 7/8-7/11, 2013

### **USE OF FACILITIES:**

Three Use of Facilities applications were presented to the Board for approval as follows:

- SCHS Café - R. Lohide for Relay for Life Survivor Dinner, 6/14/13, 3-6:30pm
- SCHS Café - B.L. Roberts for Vevay HS Alumni Assoc. Annual Meeting, 8/24/13, 10am-4pm
- SCHS Café – K. Collier for Fair Queen Contest, 6/2/13, 4-9pm
- SCES: M. Levell for Switz. Co. Youth Soccer Practices & Games, 6/1/13-11/1/13

Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve the applications. Mr. Daugherty seconded the motion and the Board's vote was unanimous.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)**

Superintendent, Michael L. Jones made the following announcements:

- Roundtable Discussion report from May 16, 2013
- Next Endowment meeting on Tuesday, May 28, 2013 at 5pm
- Next Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Monday, June 17, 2013 at 5pm
- School Resource Office update:

Mr. Jones initiated a discussion about a Resource Officer position brought up at past meetings. He said up to \$50,000 a year in grant monies could be obtained through Homeland Security which requires a School Safety Commission. Mrs. Hayes moved to approve the formation of a School Safety Commission. Mr. Deck seconded the motion and the Board's vote was unanimous. Mr. Truitt said he would like to something in place by the time school starts.

### **BOARD REPORT AND COMMENTS:**

Mr. Daugherty asked if the training being approved was going to benefit the teacher. Mrs. Swango said the practice was to provide \$100 per day for approved training.

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Mr. Daugherty said he knew Steve Konkle has rejected being recognized for all of his work, but thought perhaps with Mr. Goewert's help, the Corporation could help him out by getting an edger and a tarp for him to use.

Mr. Daugherty thanked Mr. Spoores for his help and cooperation with the grounds project.

Mr. Waltz thanked Mr. Daugherty for all of the time and effort being put into the sports field project.

Mrs. Hayes said she was still not convinced that the football fields project was going to go smoothly. She wondered who was overseeing it.

Mrs. Peters wanted to make known the reason she voted against the student handbooks was that she was not in favor of the current grading scale.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Roberts moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Truitt seconded and the vote was unanimous. The meeting was so adjourned. (8:10 p.m.)

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Nancy Peters, President

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William Roberts, Vice President

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Andy Truitt, Secretary

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Josh Deck, Member

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Vernon Waltz, Member